

## Message Text

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DEPT PASS RALPH T. ROSS, DEPT OF AGRICULTURE

MILAN FOR LACEY WRIGHT

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SENV, IT  
SUBJ: SHIPMENT OF DIOXINE SAMPLES

1. EMBASSY CONTACTED MARCH 7 BY DR. SERGIO FACCHETTI OF EURATOM CENTER AT ISPRA FOR ADVICE RELATING TO SHIPMENT OF SEVESO DIOXINE SAMPLES TO DEPT OF AGRICULTURE DEPUTY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR RALPH T. ROSS, WHO, ACCORDING TO FACCHETTI, HAD AGREED TO PERFORM QUALITY CONTROL TESTS ON THE SAMPLES. FACCHETTI EXPLAINED THAT HE IS A MEMBER OF A GROUP OF EXPERTS DESIGNATED BY MONZA JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES TO REVIEW TESTS MADE ON THE SEVESO DIOXINE. THE RESULTS WILL EVIDENTLY BE USED IN COURT PROCEEDINGS PERTAINING TO THE SEVESO AFFAIR.

2. EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO SHIPPING SAMPLES DIRECTLY VIA POUCH (AS HAS BEEN DONE BEFORE) TO ROSS, BUT BEFORE ADVISING FRACCHETTI, WE WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION FROM DEPT AND/OR ROSS ON PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED. PLEASE ADVISE.BEAUDRY

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